

How to Become a Registered Dietitian

1. Steps to Becoming a Registered Dietitian

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Degree Programs					
Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD), BS or MS Local University or Distant Program	"Verification Statement" from DPD Program Director required for Dietetic Internship	Apply for Dietetic Internships GPA? Cost? Time? Location?	Successful Completion of Dietetic Internship Full Time or Part Time (approximately 900-1200 hours)	RD EXAM	
Coordinated Dietetics Program (CDP) Local University or Distant Program	Successful Completion of CDP Undergraduate or Graduate Program	RD EXAM			
BS/MS Nutrition or other non-DPD approved program	Additional DPD Classes, Local University or online DPD Classes	"Verification Statement" from DPD Program Director required for Dietetic Internship	Apply for Dietetic Internships GPA? Cost? Time? Location?	Successful Completion of Dietetic Internship	RD EXAM

2. Information about Becoming a Registered Dietitian

American Dietetic Association (ADA)

For more information about becoming a registered dietitian check:

www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/career.html

CADE-Accredited/Approved Programs

Names, addresses, and directors' names of educational programs that are accredited or approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetics Association (ADA) are online at

www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/CADE_401_ENU_HTML.htm

This link includes complete listings of CADE-accredited:

- coordinated programs in dietetics
- didactic programs in dietetics
- dietetic internships, and
- dietetic technician programs.

The list of programs serves as a starting point only to determine what types of programs are offered in specific geographic locations. Details of program content and admission requirements will vary from one program to another. For additional information, such as a course catalog or list of required nutrition classes, contact the CADE-accredited/ approved program that you are interested in attending.

Other Career Guidance Information

For other career guidance information, contact:

ADA Careers and Student Services
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